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EXPLORERS DIVE ON 112-YEAR-OLD WRECK IN SEARCH FOR ITS SECRETS



Cindy Lynch, one of eight divers who went 190 feet to the bottom of Lake Huron to explore the James Carruthers, is photographed by her husband, Mike Lynch, as she swims around the propeller of the steel-hulled freighter that in 1913 was the longest on the Great Lakes at 550 feet. PROVIDED BY MIKE LYNCH

Wreck-ognition at long last

Lake Huron gives up grave of long-lost freighter Carruthers

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LAKE HURON – On a sunny, summer Sunday morning, perfect for being on the water, David Trotter, skippered his 32-foot boat, the Obsession Too, to a nearly 112-year-old shipwreck only a handful of people knew was there. Along the way, the 84-year-old, who wore an indigo captain’s cap, eyed monitors that showed him, among other things, what was hidden deep below the surface. When he reached just the right spot, he cut the engine. The boat gently bobbed above where the divers soon would be swimming.

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An undated picture of the James Carruthers shows her sailing. The Carruthers was one of eight freighters that sank in the Great Storm of 1913, during the second week of November, taking with her the lives of 22 sailors. PROVIDED BY JARED DANIEL

Ozokucon to debut Labor Day weekend

Fan festival to feature panels, performances

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PORT HURON – A brand-new fan festival is preparing to make waves in the Blue Water Area this weekend. Ozokucon will fill the Blue Water Convention Center with anime, cosplay, video games, panels and performances, but its heart lies in something much bigger: community. Executive director Matthew Muns said the convention grew out of a passion for both the arts and creating spaces where everyone feels welcome. “It is a place that is a safe place for everyone and that is really important to me,” he said. Ozokucon isn’t designed for just one type of fan. Organizers wanted the event to feel more like a festival than a traditional “comic-con,” with activities that appeal to all ages and levels of interest. Fans of Japanese media can find voice actors from popular series like “Demon Slayer,” “Genshin Impact” and “Mortal Kombat.” Cosplayers can enter a competition that ranges from beginners in store-bought outfits to advanced designers competing for a \$1,500 grand prize. A separate singing contest, dubbed Ozokucon Idol, offers winners tickets to next year’s convention and cash awards. But the schedule goes far beyond anime. Guests can play pickleball with local coaches, try their hand at yard games, join an open swim at the connected hotel pool or dance late into the night at the Demon Hunter rave. For gamers, a 24-hour arcade will run all weekend with machines supplied by Sincerely Classics Arcade and Wood Doka.

“We want to make people feel royal, like they matter and everyone is equal here,” Muns said.

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Bridge to Bay Trail access may close during 2027 road project

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A Michigan Department of Transportation project to improve safety on I-94 Business Loop at Ravenswood Road could temporarily close a section of the Bridge to Bay Trail for about two months in 2027. MDOT announced plans to invest about \$338,000 in the project, which is still in the design phase. Work would include adding left-turn lanes in both directions of the I-94 Business Loop in Port Huron and Marysville, with officials citing safety and crash reduction as key goals. As part of the project, nonmotorized access to the Bridge to Bay Trail near

Ravenswood would be closed during construction. MDOT said the closure would be temporary, lasting approximately two months. The department is also seeking public input as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, which requires agencies to consider the effects of projects on publicly used parks, recreation areas and trails. Residents can submit feedback online or by contacting MDOT directly through Sept. 8, 2025, to share input and address concerns about the proposed temporary trail closure. Construction on the project is currently anticipated for summer 2027. Contact reporter Andy Jeffrey at ajefrey@gannett.com.



The intersection of Ravenswood Road and I-94 Business Loop in Marysville is shown on Aug. 26. The Michigan Department of Transportation is planning safety improvements in the area, including new left-turn lanes and a temporary closure of nearby trail access. ANDY JEFFREY/TIMES HERALD

